

**MADISON COUNTY LEPC  
(Local Emergency Planning Committee)  
AGENDA**

January 17, 2008 7:00 PM  
Sheridan Town Hall

**CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN** - Wayne Redfield called the meeting to order at 1900

**Identification of attendees** Those in attendance were

Lloyd Carlson -Twin Bridges Fire  
Brendon Dale - Twin Bridges Fire  
Bob Fry – MT DES  
Barbara Bradshaw –Ennis Ambulance  
Jamie Nyswonger- Ennis Ambulance  
Jane Yecny Ruby- Valley Ambulance  
Scott McClintic –Madison Valley Rural Fire Dept.  
Tony \_\_\_\_\_ - Sheridan Fire  
John Bancroft – Ennis Town Council  
Dean Derryberry – Sheridan Mayor  
Janine Clavedetcher – Madison Valley Hospital  
Jim Clavedetcher – Madison Valley Hospital  
Steve DiGiovanna –Madison County Communications  
Mark McLaughlin – Sheridan Fire Dept  
Wayne Redfield – LEPC Chair  
Melinda Tichenor - Citizen Corps Council  
Chris Mumme – Madison County DEM  
Steve Orr - Madison Valley Rural Fire Dept, Virginia City Fire Dept.  
Toni James - Virginia City Fire Dept  
Jill Steele – Public Health

**Resolution of pending organizational matters** – none at this time

**Approval of Minutes** – Scott McClintic moved seconded by Steve Orr, motion passed

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ∇ LEPC Chairman Report (Wayne Redfield) Nothing to report
- ∇ Citizens Corp Council Report (M. Tichenor)

**Madison County Citizen Corps Council**

Brief

January 10, 2008 7:00 pm

**Virginia City Jury Room**

According to the Madison county bookkeeper we have \$2029.25 for this budget year. We discussed having another raffle to raise some funds. Sheri volunteered to make up the tickets. We will have a 72 hour kit as the prize and a second prize is some MRE meals. The drawing will be during the fair in Twin Bridges.

We will be having the Sheridan CERT class the first part of March. Naomi will work best with Sheri and it would be good for her to be the course manager. We will try to find a date in the fall for the Harrison CERT.

A Community Health Fair is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> 9-3 at the Ennis High School we will have a table to display the 72 hour kits and CERT. We will be able to sell the raffle tickets also.

We need to talk to Chris about the progress of the Map your neighborhood project.

During the Affiliation section:

Sheri – Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Avalanche training in Virginia City for the Search and Rescue

Wayne – There is a DUI task force in Beaverhead county through a grant process through the MT Dept. of transportation is there someone who might be interested in that in Madison County.

Toni- The Virginia City fire department is trying to plan a Traffic control training for the 22 of January in Alder.

During the Brain storming section:

We may be able to find a trailer instead of a storage unit to store the CERT equipment.

We would like to set up the Shelter Setup Training through the Red Cross on the 16<sup>th</sup> or 23 of Feb.

We need a banner for the Madison County Citizen Corp Council and CERT. Toni will see what the food distributors she purchases from will be able to do for us.

The raffle tickets went well at the Farmers Market in Twin May – September.

Next meeting will be Feb 14<sup>th</sup> in Ennis in the Madison Valley Hospital boardroom at 7:00 pm.

Steve Orr reported there will be avalanche training January 26 all are to meet at the Pioneer Parking lot and will continue up the Gulch for the training,

### **Emergency Management Dept. Report (C. Mumme)**

#### **False Alarms:**

From January, 2007 through November, 2007, Madison County dispatch handled 56 alarms and 55 of them were false. That is a 98% error rate of all alarms for this year. Out of these 55 false alarms, 30 were responded to and found the premises secure, 22 the alarms were cancelled while an officer was in route and 3 were cancelled before an officer was called out.

The LEPC, with Commissioner approval, has taken up the issue and directed me to write up an ordinance to address the false alarm problem. The ordinance has been modeled after the Bozeman City Ordinance on False alarms with a few changes and also a fine schedule for offenders:

For department response to scene where the alarm was false the fines will be as follows during a 12 month period:

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm will not be fined but a written warning will be given.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm will be fined \$100.00.
- 4<sup>th</sup> alarm will be fined \$200.00 ,

Each subsequent alarm will double the fine E.g.: 5<sup>th</sup> results in \$400.00 and so on until determined by Director of Public Safety that the cause of said false alarms is corrected or deemed to be a “no-response” location.

With approval from the legal department, I will present this proposed ordinance to the County Commission in the near future.

#### **Cascade Unit:**

This December, Shawn Christensen and I traveled to Kalispel to pick up a much needed mobile cascade unit. The County Commissioners approved the money spent for this vehicle. It is a 1976 van with emergency lights, siren, generator, outdoor lights, cascade device and has places for radios, and shelter to get out of the weather. Shawn is housing the unit at the MVRFD #1 and will respond to any county fire department that is in need of this cascade unit. It can also double as a command unit.

#### **HLS-CAM (CEDAP Grant):**

This December, my office was awarded a \$35,000 grant, no matching funds, for an HLS-CAM. The grant provides the equipment (lap-top, range finder, compass, GPS system) training for up to 35 people. The HLS system/program was developed to help first responders. Training is tentatively scheduled for April and an announcement and sign up sheet has been sent out for all interested on a first come, first serve basis.

#### **FEMA PDM GRANT-EOC:**

16 January, 2008, in concert with Barbie Durham (Grant Writer), our office submitted an application for \$300,000 to build an alternate EOC located at the Twin Bridges Airport.

#### **Virginia City and Alder Fire Districts:**

I am scheduled to present the Fire District petitions for the annexation of Alder fire district and the formation of Virginia City Fire District. There are enough signatures and the hearing will be set 10 days from acceptance. Thank you all for your help.

### **Communications Coordinator Report (Steve DiGiovanna)**

Steve reported there is work being done on a plan for back up communication and to insure communication survivability.

The interoperable communication group is looking at funding for 2 sites, one in the Ruby the Stone Creek Access and the other on the Virginia City hill by the FAA tower. He is working on a state grant for \$400,000. This will also help with the purchase of generators for the repeater sites. The project will not be able to start until the spring of 2009. The county has purchased a 22 ft. toy box trailer that will be remodeled by the sheriff's office to become a mobile command unit or an additional communication facility.

The IMT will be a support team for county incident management. The core group has been selected and is taking additional training to become a management resource for responding units in the county. The first meeting will be February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the jury room in Virginia City.

Bob Fry reported that the state can help, but it will take some time for them to get here and depending on the severity of the incident, the state may have other priorities since rural areas are farther down the list than larger urban areas.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **▽ PDM Grant**

Chris reported the PDM grant was submitted January 1<sup>st</sup> to FEMA for hiring someone to help update the county PDM document. The project would be in conjunction with Beaverhead and Jefferson counties for the same work in those counties. Our PDM is valid through March of 2009.

▽ **False Alarm Report-** see Emergency Management Director's Report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

➤ **Locks of Gates** – Scott McClintic reported there are several locks that have been placed on gates in the south Madison which is making it impossible for any emergency units to respond to the properties. It was moved by John Bancroft seconded by Scott McClintic to write a letter to the commissioners recommending from the LEPC that the commissioners write a letter to the property owners stating that if the owners expect to have emergency services they must make it accessible to get to the properties. Motion Passed unanimously. Chris will communicate to the commissioners the LEPC recommendation. Bob Fry mentioned there is a pamphlet about living in Rural Montana that could go along with the letter to the property owners.

➤ **Emergency Operations Plan Update** needs to be updated annually and Bob Fry suggested that outcomes from the LEPC meetings should be used as a template for the updates to the plan.

➤ **Janine Clavedetecher** – Reported there is a grant that is available through the Madison Valley Hospital and the State Department of Health for \$3500 which needs to be spent on joint pandemic planning with the LEPC. It was suggested there could be a need for equipment for the mobile command unit that would be used in any large incident in the county. Bob Fry reported that Park County used the funds to immunize the 1<sup>st</sup> responders for Hepatitis B and other diseases. It was decided to discuss the options at the next HEAT meeting. Jim Clavedetecher will talk to Susie Sprout of the Ennis Ambulance to see if there is a need for immunizations for the Ennis area.

**Training** - There will be a Liquid and Gas Pipeline training for EMS on March 7. Check the county website for more training details.

April 12<sup>th</sup> New Mexico Tech will be conducting a training. There will be more info on the website.

Fred Naehner the DES state training officer will be conducting an EOC training in Alder for 9-3 on the 31<sup>st</sup> of Jan.

ICS 300 class will be held in Belgrade February 23 and 24. This is a Population Protection Course.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – Harrison Fire Hall at 1900 on February 21, 2008.**

**ADJOURN at 2015**

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Melinda Tichenor**